



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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For: Coordinated Decrease and Increase of Gene Expression of More than One Gene Using Transgenic Constructs

**Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

By the filing of this Petition and fee, Applicants hereby request that the period for filing a response in the above-identified application be extended two months from April 17, 2006, to June 17, 2006. It is noted that the final action was mailed on January 12, 2006, a Response was filed on March 10, 2006 (within 2 months from the date of the final action), and an Advisory Action was mailed on April 17, 2006, stating that:

The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later.

The statutory fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) is believed to be \$450.00 for a two (2) month extension for a large entity. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

Authorization to charge the \$450 extension of time fee to counsel's deposit account is given in the accompanying Form PTO/SB/30.

Respectfully submitted,

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